

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL  
Fort Rucker, Alabama

1. The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 6, 2005 at Aviators' Landing. This was the 197th scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

2. Members present, absent, advisors, and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, Except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL William E. Crouch, Co-Ch	CSM Charles E. Frye, Co-Ch
COL Herman S. Heath	CSM Andrew Rivers
COL Bob Bunting	SGM Terry Wilkins.
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)	SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Association Secretary
LTC James R. Mellish	SMSGT Jean Woodruff (USAF)
CDR James E. Cobb (USN)	1SG Jackie Ray
	SFC Joseph Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Richard M. Johnson	CSM William Jolley, Unexcused
COL James E., Hyers	SFC Ralph Reed, Unexcused
Ms. Erika Johnson	

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Thomas W. Young, Garrison Commander  
COL Susan Denny, CDR, Lyster Army Health Clinic  
Mr. Will Newman, RSO  
Mr. Tim Laster, DFCA  
Ms. Melina Boggs, TRICARE  
Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary Officer

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:36 AM by CSM Frye.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
3. Old Business – None
4. Committee Reports.
  - a. Public Affairs – No report.

b. Legislative Affairs - COL Block reported that the VA "Unemployable Compensation" might be enacted by Executive Order, in addition to the Widow DIC SBP, offset was high on the list of the Military Collition for enactment in the next Congress.

c. Health Care – COL Denney reported the following: The Clinic is getting a second EMS vehicle by 31 January, flu vaccinations was expanded to age 50 and possibly to everyone by 31 January, while anthrax vaccinations are still on hold. Ten Clinic personnel have been deployed to the Baghdad "green zone" hospital and are doing well. The 249<sup>th</sup> CSH PROFIS will be departing to Fort Gordon on the 18 January for further deployment, including an orthopedic surgeon, and will be gone for six months. Clinic renovations should be completed by 05 February and the complaints about clinic access has been decreasing. OPM has approved special solicitation of federal employees through January and personnel may designate donation to a specific relief organization on line at [usaid.gov](http://usaid.gov).

d. Volunteer Program - SFC Barnes reported the Volunteers of The Month for January was Jackie Porter (adult) and Jana Forehand (youth). They will be recognized at the Post Theater on 11 Jan 2005 at 1030. Recommendations for Volunteer of the Year must be in by 27 January 2005 with selection to be made in February.

e. Consolidated Club System – COL Block reported that although catering and Christmas parties were up last month, the food profits were down last month. Possibility of food prices going up next month.

f. Commissary – Mr. O'Meara reported that Valentine candy is on sale in the warehouse. Proctor & Gamble will have the Special Olympics sale all month with a quarter of the sales going to the local consumers. All cooler and freezer cases will be replaced in February. Upon the replacement of all shelving, the warehouse will be back to its previous state and more line items will be stocked.

g. PX – No report.

h. Golf Course – COL Heath reported the golf course was doing a lot of cleaning up.

i. Equestrian Center – COL Heath reported the center was in good shape.

j. Outdoor Recreation – 1SG Ray stated that so far there had only been 29 hunting violations reported. Hunting and fishing permits will now be embossed rather than just written out on plain white paper.

k. Bowling Alley – No report.

l. RAD – LTC Mellish stated it might be informative to invite the Director, Fort Mitchell to give a briefing on procedures for interment in national cemeteries.

3. Advisors Comments –

a. COL Young reported the monthly Installation Briefing was held every month at the Post Theater at 1030. Although it is tailored to “post leadership”, retiree council members are invited to attend. Issues briefed cover everything from post housing to MWR activities. Prior to this year, Fort Rucker normally had two major construction projects planned. Now there are 13 projects this year. Five of these projects include hangers which are top priority. Additional needed projects include a new enlisted training center for flight operations specialists and a new headquarters building. All of the construction will not be completed this year because the list covers projects up to FY 2011.

b. Mr. Laster gave everyone a MWR “January Events” list. The annual Travel Extravaganza will be held on 15 March at the Aviator’s Landings. The Club renovation will be going on for an extended time and the construction on the restrooms on the main floor should be completed this month. The Catering Office has been moved into the area that was once the barber shop. New carpet will be installed throughout the building and the sliding doors separating the room on the main floor will be replaced.

c. Ms. Boggs informed us that the TRICARE Office will be closed on Martin Luther King’s birthday. TDY personnel that are here for training and do not bring family members and are not registered in this area will have problems receiving TRICARE service in this area. COL Denney added that this can generally be overcome with a phone call back to the individual’s home area.

4. New Business – The advisor was excused and the following new business was enacted:

a. SFC Barnes and 1SG Ray volunteered to be on the Bowling Alley Committee.

b. Due to a lack of replacement council members, a motion was made, seconded and approved to extend the following council member’s term until February 2006: CSM Rivers, SGM Wilkins, and SFC Barnes.

5. Co-Chairman’s Comments – COL Crouch reminded the Council that he accepted the Co-Chairmanship position under temporary conditions due to COL Miller resigning for health reasons, and until a qualified replacement could be found. He then made a motion, which was seconded and passed unanimously, to elect COL Bob Bunting as Co-Chairman. COL Crouch then asked to be put on the Legislative Committee with Col Hyer.

6. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM. The next scheduled meeting is to be held at the Aviators Landing’ on February 3, 2005 at 11:30 AM.

Retiree Council Minutes, January 6, 2005

Approved via email 11 Jan 05

WILLIAM E. CROUCH

COL, Retired

Co-Chairman

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CHARLES E. FRYE

CSM, Retired

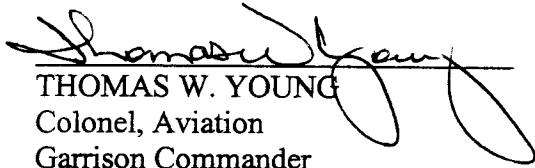
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